

EVERY YEAR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY RECOGNIZES INSTALLATIONS AND ARMY PROFESSIONALS FOR GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. ENVIRONMENTAL CORRESPONDENT JAVIER HERNANDEZ REPORTS THIS YEAR'S BIG WINNER WAS THE TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

THE TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WALKED AWAY WITH TWO OF THE EIGHT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS. THE FIRST WAS FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROGRAM.

“ ...A PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM IS CHANGING BEHAVIOR, MOVING FROM WHAT WE USED TO DO IN THE PAST TO WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN THE FUTURE....” - VALERIE STEIN, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM MANAGER

SO STEIN'S TEAM ESTABLISHED PARTNERSHIPS WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO TACKLE POLLUTION PREVENTION, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND MANPOWER ISSUES.

THE GUARD ALSO RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. A BIG ACHIEVEMENT WAS ESTABLISHING A DETERIORATION BASELINE FOR THE HISTORIC LANDMARK, CAMP MABRY, WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR AUSTIN.

”BY DOING THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP A MAINTENANCE AND TREATMENT PLAN WHICH WE PRESENTED TO THE TEXAS LEGISLATIVE AND THEY SAW FIT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OUR RESTORATION PROJECT.”- SHELLIE SULLO, NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGER.

THE CULTURAL RESOURCE TEAM ALSO EVALUATED MORE THAN 6-HUNDRED HISTORICAL SITES, LIKE THIS DAM, AND NOMINATED 12 TO THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORICAL PLACES. JAVIER HERNANDEZ, AUSTIN TEXAS.